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**Testimony
submitted to the
Planning and Development Committee**

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**SB 1072 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT ADVISORY COMMISSION ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**HB 7192 AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND
EFFICIENCIES**

CABE supports SB 1072, which focuses the work of the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations on shared services and the development of models for sustainable, recurring savings and revenue growth. Provisions of this bill reflect several of the recommendations of Governor Lamont's Transition Committee on Shared Services. While much is already being done with respect to shared services and joint purchasing, it is appropriate for ACIR to examine best practices and any barriers that can be removed. We also strongly support the examination of standardization and streamlining of data collection and reporting, and sharing of data, as well as e-government solutions.

We urge you to support SB 1072 as one part of an overall effort to promote efficiencies at all levels of government.

CABE also supports sections 2 and 3 of HB 7192, An Act Concerning Municipal and Regional Opportunities and Efficiencies, which contains similar provisions.

CABE supports the provisions in section 6, which would allow OPM to provide funding for a planning study regarding the joint provision of any service on a regional basis, or the delivery of that service.

CABE is concerned that sections 7 and 8 of HB 7192 establishes an extremely ambitious series of reporting requirements for a newly established Commission on Shared School services. Given the limitation of resources at the State Department of Education we question the feasibility of these reports, in many cases required twice in one month. The issues raised are clearly ones of importance, but they may be better dealt with within the expanded scope of the responsibilities of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations in the 2 reports.

Thank you for your attention to these issues.